1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged every man according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

our fingers; berry vines will not scratch our arms and tear our clothes. Blind people will be able to see; deaf people will hear; and the dumb will speak. Nothing shall hurt or destroy "in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 65:25). We read that in Jerusalem "the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof" (Zechariah 8:5).

The Lake of Fire

Then when that time has expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, down in the bottomless pit, and he shall try to fight another great battle. But he is cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. We know that the beast is none other than the Antichrist. (See Lesson No. 413.)

The Great White Throne Judgment

After this John saw a great White Throne, and he saw the people who had been dead come up before God and stand at the Throne to be judged. He saw the books opened, and the Book of Life was opened, and the people were judged according to the things they had done which were written in the books. The graves were opened and even those who had died in their sins many years before, since the beginning of creation, and even those whose bodies have been lost at sea, or burned and destroyed, were resurrected and stood before the Throne to be judged. All those whose names were not found in the Book of Life were cast into the lake of fire where Satan and the Antichrist had already been cast, to be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Our Names in the Book of Life

The important thing for us today is to make sure that our name is written in the Book of Life. If you are not saved, come to Jesus today; ask Him to forgive your sins; make right any wrongs you have done to others. When you know Jesus has saved you, seek Him for sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Then follow Jesus closely; pray and read the Word; make sure that your name is not removed from the Book of Life.

Life or Death

The way of eternal life, and the way of eternal punishment and death are before us. The Bible is available to us today, and in it we can learn how to live day by day in order to be among those whose names are recorded in the Book of Life. Notice that both the 12th and 13th verses tell us that the people before the Throne were judged “according to their works.” Oh, how carefully we should live! How we should guard our life and our words, so as not to displease the Lord in anything. There will be no escaping that day when the small and great, rich and poor, shall all stand before the great White Throne and Him who sits on it.

QUESTIONS

1. By what other name is Satan known?
2. For how long was he bound in the bottomless pit?
3. Tell of the conditions on the earth during that time.
4. Who shall rule the earth during the Millennium?
5. Who shall appear before God at the great White Throne Judgment?
6. Out of what were the people judged?
7. What is to be the punishment of those whose names are not written in the Book of Life?
8. What reward is to be given those whose names are written in the Book of life?